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HOUSE APRIL 20, 1978

FOR S/PRS AND PA: DEPARTMENT PASS FOR DR. BRZEZINSKI AND
WHITE HOUSE FOR MR. POWELL: USICA FOR EU, PGM/PE

FOLLOWING IS TRANSCRIPT OF TOAST GIVEN BY SECRETARY VANCE
IN ENGLISH. IT WAS TRANSLATED INTO RUSSIAN BY WILLIAM D
KRIMER.

MISTER MINISTER, AND DISTINGUISHED SOVIET CITIZENS, IT IS
ALWAYS A GREAT PLEASURE FOR ME TO MEET WITH MY DISTIN-
GUISHED COLLEAGUE THE FOREIGN MINISTER. I WOULD AGREE
WITH HIM THAT THE MEETINGS WHICH WE ARE HOLDING DURING
THIS VISIT ARE OF EXCEPTIONAL IMPORTANCE. WE SHARE THE
HOPES AND ASPIRATIONS WHICH FOREIGN MINISTER GROMYKO HAS
INDICATED AND I MIGHT SAY THAT PROGRESS IS NOT ONLY IMPOR-
TANT TO OUR TWO NATIONS BUT CARRIES WITH IT, I BELIEVE,
THE HOPES OF ALL OF THE NATIONS IN THE WORLD. WE HAVE
JUST GONE AROUND THE FIRST LAP IN THE TRACK AND I HOPE
THAT BEFORE WE CONCLUDE THAT IT WILL THEN BE A SUCCESSFUL
VISIT. I WOULD LIKE TO ASK MY AMERICAN COLLEAGUES TO JOIN
WITH ME IN RAISING OUR GLASSES TO THE PRESIDENT, THE
FOREIGN MINISTER AND THE SUCCESS OF OUR TALKS. TOON
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